



The Utah English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards

will help English language learners and immigrant students:

- Attain English proficiency.
- Increase levels of academic attainment in school subjects (language arts, math, science, and social studies).
- Achieve state academic standards.

resources

Additional resources available to parents:

- School personnel such as administrators, principals, counselors, and teachers can help you support the education of your child.
- For additional information, phone the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at (801) 261-3100 or visit www.utahpta.org.
- Attend activities at public libraries or community recreational centers.
- Participate in sports and clubs.
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STANDARDS

The Utah ELP Standards:

- Were created in response to the No Child Left Behind [Title III] requirements. Subsequently, the Utah State Board of Education authorized the English Language Proficiency Standards to undergo public hearings.
- Explain what English language learners (ELLs) should know, need to learn, and be able to do in the language acquisition program, and focus on the ELL student's ability to use English to meet the Utah Language Arts Standards and Objectives.
- Provide help for ELL students to apply English to school subjects (language arts, science, math, and social studies).
- Were developed by English language arts teachers, English acquisition teachers, and other educators from the State of Utah.

parents

As your child's first teacher, it's important to participate in his or her education. In order to help your child achieve these standards, you can:

- Increase your child's general language skills by speaking and reading in your native language.
- Talk with your child and help him or her answer questions—for example, “who,” “what,” “how,” “why,” “when,” etc.—in your native language. Experts tell us that students who learn to read in their first language:
 - Do better in school.
 - Become competent readers in the second language.
 - Read more in the first language and learn more English.
- Encourage your child to do well in school.
- Visit the school.
- Ask teachers how you can help at home to support your child's education.

- Ask your child about learning English in school.
- A copy of the English Language Proficiency Standards can be read and downloaded at <http://www.usoe.k12.ut.us/curr/ALS/standards.html>.

students

The Utah ELP Standards will help a child on standardized tests.

- ELL students who can meet the Utah ELP Standards will be able to do better in school and meet school, district, and state requirements.
- By improving their English language skills—and, in particular, by meeting the standards for academic language development—students will be better able to acquire the content knowledge that standardized assessments measure.